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## 'Travel changes need to be made for Oxford to prosper'

By Eva Antonidou

OXFORD Transport changes are on the agenda for Oxford with proposals for new charges and networks to help tackle congestion and a poor air quality. A £100 consultation project will be launched over the next few weeks to find out whether plans to introduce transport solutions, which would include workplace parking charges and a congestion charge, should go ahead.

Initially, a limited consultation will be asked to take part in a survey to better understand our parking use at their workplace and determine whether the plans are feasible.

Based on the results of this, residents and businesses could be consulted on the changes to early in February.

Speaking at a meeting yesterday, Oxfordshire County Council leader Ian Pidgeon said he was looking to the way of finding solutions to road congestion.

He said there needs to be a 'whole shift' in how to tackle congestion by opening and publicising routes.

Other changes could include new bus routes for park and ride, more emergency and age technology on roads, and even income allowing rapid transit below the city centre and quicker journey times.

He added, 'As a driver, I am well aware that I am part of the traffic problem every time I get in my car.'

'We have to ask now if we are to ensure the city and whole of the county continue to prosper with better transport choices in place in the future.'

'We need to look at new ways for buses, cars and cyclists to share road space, and improve public transport.'

Representatives from Cowley-based EMT have said previously that they are concerned the workplace parking levy could add to an already 'unsustainable' operating costs.

A spokesman said the company would respond accordingly to any future public consultation that is held. Proposals for the 'congestion improvements' were published in the Oxfordshire Transport Strategy in 2016 which forecasted growth within and outside Oxford could result in a 30 per cent increase in journey time from 2015 and 2020.

Without improvements to the transport network and changes of travel behaviour, this could result in around 12,000 more commuter car trips each day.

The project also concluded that congestion, as well as lack of affordability in housing, could reduce Oxford's economic status.

So further detail has been given about the areas that could be affected by either the workplace parking charges or congestion charging.



**If you want to get ahead, get a hat...**

Making sure they stand out in the crowd were this group of walkers who were among thousands taking part in the Oxford Memory Walk on Sunday. In aid of the Alzheimer's Society. For more pictures see pages 5-7. Picture: Gary Edwards

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# Bid to net new players with floodlights at tennis courts

By George Webb

AN investment of more than £100,000 to create Oxford's first public floodlit tennis courts is a 'real need' for players everywhere in the county.

The £100,000 project will include the installation of new LED street lighting along with new, portable outdoor courts at 15 of the city's current outdoor courts.

The work will allow the public's courts to open later in the evening, adding 1,000 more playing hours to the facility the Oxford Tennis players enjoy now. Councillor Linda Smith, Oxford City Council's Leisure and Sport, said the investment



in green tennis for tennis and other sports will be a 'real need' for players everywhere in the county. Cllr Smith, who described the park as 'the jewel of east Oxford' added: 'It

shows the club's play and it will be the evening will be a 'real need' for players everywhere in the county.

Work started at the end of August and will be completed at the end of October.

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The project has been funded by the Lower Thames Association and the city council. Both organisations contributed

More than 1,000 people played on the only tennis in the city last year. The project has been funded by the Lower Thames Association and the city council. Both organisations contributed

work starting last week on a new floodlit tennis park near Harpsich.

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## ImBrief

### Landlord fined for unlicensed multiple occupation house

A LANDLORD has been fined more than £1000 for operating an unlicensed house that was open to three people with disabilities. Officers from the City of Oxford Council, who were alerted by the City Council's Housing and Regeneration Department, visited the property on September 10th.

A team of environmental health officers found the house was open to three people with disabilities. The officers found the house was open to three people with disabilities. The officers found the house was open to three people with disabilities.

After a successful claim to the First-tier Tribunal (Property Chamber) (Oxford) in 2012, the council recovered £17,700 in housing benefit that had been paid to the tenant on behalf of the council.

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## Fire safety advice after lounge destroyed by blaze

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## Flying the flag to mark bi-vis day

A FLAG was flown over Oxford Town Hall on Saturday to mark Bi-Vis Day.

The day celebrated the anniversary of the day that the city council was founded.

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Councillor Ian Hayes and Zeynep Barly from Oxford Friends, a voluntary organisation providing information to the LGBT community. Picture: Oxford City Council

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## Put your two-left feet forward and back at mayor's dance

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# Is your postcode one of lucky lottery winners?

**LUCKY** lottery players in Dorset are set to get a real prize after it was announced yesterday the area was the winner of a Christmas prize pot.

Excitement intensified across the Dorset area last week as word spread the Dorset was the People's Postcode Lottery winner for September.

All residents who have a ticket within the postcode will share the money – but they don't get to know how much they will each get.

Winners have no regional limitations as an event in Walsley, Dorset where the proceeds will be donated, says Dorsetshire, it has been announced that



everyone will go home with at least £1,000.

The full winning postcode will also be announced on Saturday, with those who live there receiving the largest share of the cash.

People's Postcode Lottery ambassadors Jill Emerson and Julie McCourt will host the event on the day.

Mr Emerson said: "I can't wait to meet our fantastic winners from Dorset this weekend."

"Players of People's Postcode Lottery have raised a phenomenal amount of money for charity so we will have to draw all our good luck."

A minimum of 11 per cent of every ticket goes directly to charity. More than 1,000 winners have been named in the Dorsetshire area since the lottery started in 2004.



**Walkers step out for charity**

A LUSHAM husband and wife set the challenge to start a major charity event in the name of Alzheimer's.

More than 1,000 walkers took part in the year's Dorset Memory Walk on Sunday, helping raise awareness and funds for the Alzheimer's Society.

Mike Fry and his wife Dot, who have dementia, kicked off the event at Oxford University Parks. It is the second memory walk the couple both 71 have taken part in.

Mike said: "Dot's a month on from diagnosis and she can find it hard to hold a conversation."

"Despite the challenges, we still try to get out as much as possible. So most new people and people who we used to be walking together. We used to be walking together, which is a real success. We signed up to the Oxford Memory Walk."



## Driver drank beer while on the M40

A **MAN** driver has been banned from driving after police found him drinking a bottle of beer while driving along the M40 last week.

Dorset supports year-old driver Gary, of Dorset County, Dorset, who he was behind the wheel of a Renault car in the motorway near there.

Police investigators following reports of lost driving on Monday last week said they found a half empty

bottle of beer.

Police refused to be intimidated and was arrested.

He provided a specimen of breath that contained 100 of alcohol in 100 of breath in custody. The legal limit is 20mg. He appeared at Dorset Magistrates Court on Tuesday last week, where he was disqualified from driving for 12 months. He was ordered to pay £100 costs and a victim surcharge of £10.



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## Exploring sight loss and sleep

### The Basic Antimicrobials

A WOMAN who started losing her eyebrows at an early age is taking part in vital research to help understand the link between sunlight and sleep.

Shortly after, she was diagnosed with macular degeneration, a condition that affects the eye's retina and could lead to triple-blind vessels in the eye looking blind or dead.

Now Mrs Foley, who suffers with disturbed sleep, is helping Oxford University researchers better understand whether different eye conditions have an impact on sleep patterns, to try and improve the care of patients who suffer from early onset night blindness.

Mr. Kinyard: "I don't sleep long periods. I can go on very little sleep which probably does affect me in the long run. The real bug is, my good eye condition at any time."

Researchers at the Drexel Eye Hospital in the John Radcliffe are now looking for people with healthy sleep and vision to take part in the study as they can be compared to those with vision loss.

Those taking part in the study are asked to complete questionnaires about their sleep and general health.

If they are found to have sleep disturbances they may be asked to fill out a sleep diary and provide more information about their work.

This group may also be asked to wear a small watch that senses movement and falls.

It is hoped that the understanding of the

CellTility is helping with research into eye conditions and their treatment.



different impacts of eye conditions on sleep patterns, this will lead to better care and support for patients with these conditions.

Oxford Eye Hospital's Professor  
Susan Graham, who is leading the

trial, said, "I hoped that as many people as possible, without any health or eye problems, may help with our research. We are particularly looking for adults aged 40 years and older, but do need all ages to participate, if they can."

## ailed for possession with intent to supply heroin and cocaine

ABC Cultureman has been jailed after being found in possession of heroin and cocaine.

Laurel Bagel, 38 of London Road, Oxford, appeared at Oxford Crown Court on September 15 where he pleaded guilty to conspiracy with

He has been sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

Royal was stopped by police on M. Thelin street, Stander, on July 13.

After a search of the vehicle, he was found in possession of 13 wraps of heroin.

He was arrested at the same time and is currently in further in wraps of cocaine and heroin were located on him.

He was changed on the same day with passengers with intent to supply others & drivers.

Following the winning 3PC Gary Hines, of the Aberdeen LTT

Thinking Trains, said. "Expend was found with a significant quantity of glass & down which would have

"The drugs have now been seized and found to have caused the deaths."

"We will not tolerate the possession and supply of illegal drugs within the Thames Valley and will continue to target this sort of behaviour."



## In Drive 4

### Quick-thinking act

AN Abingdon woman has been praised by the fire service after her quick thinking prevented a fire from destroying her house.

Chancellor John Flinn said Kansas Governor Warren was called to the Capitol Conference at 10:30 a.m. on Friday.

Firefighters used breathing apparatus and hot tools and high pressure fire water to attack the blaze which the fire warden said could have caused much more damage had the woman not closed the front door behind her.

Watch manager Neil Franklin said: "The lady reacted very quickly, she shut the door on the fire, got out and called 999. This helped us immensely to get there quickly and contain the fire."

Two occupants of the house suffered smoke inhalation and required treatment. The cause of the fire is being investigated.

### Protester arrested

AN Explosion was arrested after emergency services doused a fire caused by a car.

The 46-year-old from Chesham, near Chipping Norton, was arrested last Thursday on suspicion of entering a sexual and was one of five apprehended in total. He has been bailed until October 17.

The protest at Shreegan post, on the border of Shreegan, was against the importing of diesel cars from Germany.



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# One of city's 'beautiful streets' given overhaul

By George Walsh

WORK on a £5,500 overhaul of an Oxford city centre pavement has been completed.

The new look pavement of Broad Street, Parks Road, Heyford Street and Cate Street now features a junction table. It is a roundabout style similar to Wytham Square.

This has replaced the old traffic lights, which the county council said were beyond repair.

Oxford University contributed £25,000 and the city council £25,000 towards the project with the county council paying the remaining £15,000.

The junction, is said of a double one way traffic problem on the city centre, as a gateway to Oxford University's science area.

The university said cash generated from car park parking to support the project.

Councillor Don Kay-Williamson, Oxford City Council member for Heyford Ward, said: "This busy junction is within my ward and, since I became a councillor in 2004, I have been asking for improvements to be made to it, particularly for cyclists."

"It is delighted to have been able to



Clk Alice Hollingsworth, Nick Brown, chair of the buildings and streets sub-committee of Oxford University and Clk Sammie Bartington cycle the new look Broad Street

contribute towards this project, and that the city council, county council and Oxford University have come together to help make it happen.

"This will be a real improvement and will make it easier for all road users to navigate what is one of the city's most beautiful streets."

Councillor Thomas Constantine, the county council's cabinet member for

the environment, said: "The new look is far more in keeping with the area and the junction table reduces the speed of traffic."

"People who travel through the junction have been getting used to the new layout during the construction and the junction has been perfect. Hopefully now it is all finished people will really see the benefits."

## InBrief

### Live-in care better

£100,000 per year of elderly people would return to their own homes from care if they became unable to care for themselves, according to a new report.

Researcher for the Live-in Care Hub, a not-for-profit organisation that helps ease the quality of life of elderly care in the UK, says live-in care is a better alternative to a residential care home for the elderly.

The Live-in Care Hub has three bases in Oxfordshire, including Oxford, Aylesbury, and Banbury. It also has a base in London.

Co-founder Catherine Kent said: "The report reveals that more in their own home is preferable for almost all elderly people."

"Our mission is to make sure everyone is in care as a last resort, not as a first resort."

### Fair to go ahead

THE Greater Thames Fair will go ahead after an agreement was reached between Thames Town Council and the London Wildlife Trust. The Greater Thames Fair will go ahead after an agreement was reached between Thames Town Council and the London Wildlife Trust.

It comes after the Greater Thames Fair was cancelled for some years. The Greater Thames Fair will go ahead after an agreement was reached between Thames Town Council and the London Wildlife Trust.

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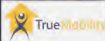
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Right: Matthew Harris, Luke Harris and Don O'Donnell as teams B and A, Luke in mid-fall

# 13,000ft leap of faith

By George Wicks

THIS day was the last for a group of brave businessmen who dropped on parachutes and glided toward 13,000 feet to the ground to raise money for our charity of the year.

The courageous business took the leap of faith and plunged in 13th place into the ground to raise money for our charity of the year.

Supporting their cause is the real-life success, Luke Harris, Matthew



Harris, Don O'Donnell and Peter Herring helped to add hundreds of pounds to PEG's milestone year appeal.

The daring quest made the jump over Union Airfield, near Brackley, on Sunday afternoon and all landed safely back on the ground.

The driving force behind the jump were father-son duo Luke, 33, and Matthew, 31, whose dreams of PEG founder Andy Baker.

Luke, who works at Humberly in the town, said: "On my 13th birthday of the day, I was an advertisement. I was absolutely thrilled."

"But I stood by my parents and, well, for PEG it was only to learn."

He added: "Andy always wanted me and despite what he knew with his last injury, I always wanted to support him in all the great work he does despite the challenges and hurdles he faces everyday."

"I was hugely motivated to not only have played the part, despite the ache, pain and stomach churning before the jump, but also being part of such a wonderful organisation and meeting Andy."

For our production manager also took on the daring descent.

He said: "It was a great experience and I got over the nerves and built up. I felt proud to be helping Andy and PEG. Fingers crossed I'll get to my 330th birthday."

Andy who watched from the safety



Peter Herring with Don O'Donnell as Luke just after landing

of the ground, said he is "happily proud" of all his hard work.

He added: "I know the nerves, trepidation and anticipation they suffered for months and weeks, and on the day itself, but they all did it and they did PEG proud."

"I have huge admiration for their bravery and the great things they do for the community. I am proud to be a part of it and I am proud to be a part of it."

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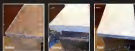
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# Young apprentices show skills

By George Welch

THE members of The Apprenticeship Academy (TAA) are not new to the world of business – but they are not a business either. The group of 10 young people, aged 16 to 18, are based at the Oxford Mail office and are working on a variety of projects.

And there is no doubt that the members of the group are not only learning about business but also about the world of work. The group is made up of young people who are working on a variety of projects, including a business plan for a new business.

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He said, "I feel that being part of the TAA is a great experience. It has helped me to develop my skills and to learn about the world of work. I am looking forward to continuing my apprenticeship and to working with the TAA in the future."

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## InBrief

### Business advice

THE Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) has launched a new series of business advice videos.

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### Shingles vaccine

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# 11 arrests as restaurants raided

By Lisa Aikenhead

KLAVING people were arrested following immigration raids at two Oxford restaurants last week.

Acting on intelligence, immigration enforcement officers visited Hong Kong House, Rosemary Road, and the Oriental Express in Victoria Terrace Road on Friday.

Fifty men and two women, all Malaysian nationals aged between 20 and 40, were arrested at Hong Kong House.

At the Oriental Express, officers arrested five men aged between 22 and 34, including three Indonesians.

national, a Malaysian national and a Nigerian national.

All those arrested have been found to have overstayed their visas and have been transferred to immigration detention while steps are taken to remove them from the UK.

Both businesses were served with a civil penalty order and later receiving that a financial penalty of £20,000 per illegal worker arrested could be imposed unless the employer can prove rights to work documents check were carried out.

Assistant Director Civilian Lead at the Home Office said: "We are

happy to work with businesses to ensure the right pre-employment checks are carried out but those who are found to be operating outside the law will be found and be punished."

"Using illegal labour is not sustainable. It cheats the taxpayer, undermines business and cheats legitimate job seekers of employment opportunities."

"We already pursue debts owed by employers of illegal immigrants, and last year we collected more than £200,000."

Hong Kong House was closed on Saturday after thousands of immigrants, a department who the

Home Office reported for enforcing immigration law.

The restaurant has previously been targeted in raids in 2004.

Few people were arrested at the time, with the restaurant having a fine of up to £20,000 for employing the workers.

At the time, Hong Kong House, at the UK Border Agency said: "This is the second set of operations we have carried out at this Oxford area in recent weeks."

"Those who break the law should take these operations as a warning: we are not here looking for you and you will get punished."

## InBrief

### Girl racially abused

RACIST comments from three black friends, a 14-year-old girl at Altonham.

Police are asking for witnesses to come forward after the racially aggravated incident on September 20 at Altonham when the girl was walking along Weston Road. She was walking with two boys and a woman.

The first offender is a white man, around 40, 6ft 10in tall, with an average build. His hair was long, black and grey with blonde on top and brown hair. He was wearing a black t-shirt, a black jacket and a black jacket.

The second offender is a white man, around 40, 6ft 10in tall, with an average build, wearing a black t-shirt and a black jacket.

The white woman was around 40 and 5ft 10in tall. She was wearing a green hooded top and blue jeans. Call 101 if you have any information.

### Half-term discount

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## Yet honoured for animal welfare work

AN Oxford vet has been awarded a prestigious lifetime international award for his pioneering work in animal welfare.

Dr. John Layton, of Oxford, has been recognized for his efforts to improve the lives of animals within the legal system of the world's most influential legal bodies, including the Council of Europe's Council of Ministers.

She has done this by co-founding Oxford-based PAFI (People for Animal Welfare) as well as the Oxford-based PAFI, which provides sustainable working relations for the local sector and employed further during practice.

Dr. Layton, who worked as a vet for 27 years while also working across the UK, has helped reshape the policies of bodies such as the Council of Europe's Council of Ministers.

This has been done by implementing the three R's: rescue, rescue and environmental protection.

On leaving that she was named the British Veterinary Association's 'Veterinarian of the Year'.

"It is an honour to be named the 'Veterinarian of the Year' for my work in the field of animal welfare. I have worked with over 20 years to challenge the status quo

in the field of law."

"There was a recognition of the urgent need to improve the production systems, particularly around welfare, and I have been able to make the same of my work to collaborate with some of the world's biggest organizations."

"That we founded PAFI (People for Animal Welfare) and the wider Chichester Group and it is proud to see the results in practice."

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# Tuck into a literary feast

Henley's book festival is in its 11th year and has all-manner of writers to entertain

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Founded in 2007, the festival has now established itself as one of the most popular literary events attracting writers and eager readers to the riverbank town.

This year's festival takes place from October 2 to 4 at various venues across the town and will

take and readings from authors to celebrities to those with a passion for their subject matter. More than 100 talks, Q&As, workshops and performances are being held.

The line-up features festival big names like Michael Ondaatje, Marilynne Robinson, and James Martin alongside speakers from politics, entertainment, sport and more, including Russell Brand, Mary Berry

Phil Witte, Jane Garrahy and Orla Paton. Family events include Alison Steadman and Rachel Gillingham with three and children's books, award-winning authors and illustrators Rob Biddiscombe and Simon Armitage, Claire Balding and The Tiger Who Came To Tea.

The festival also has featured some amazing, large and uplifting moments which have changed the world and you can expect to hear many thoughts on them over the

course of the festival.

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# Who Cares?

## Facing up to dementia: meet Mary, Joan and June

With the threat of youth one feels a sense of inevitability says Elaine Pennington, a self-taught artist who depicts her youth, draws thoughtful traits alongside with distress such as stress and dementia. Because of it, long-standing interest in the neurological sciences, her portraits delicately confront the swelling sense of society as she sees it – or some readers within society. Her work ignores the difficulties faced by its most vulnerable members.

Elaine spent several months as a volunteer working with some of these individuals in a care home, getting coming to know them, their relatives and their places, informed by listening to the experiences and memories of those who, and those who suffer from dementia. She then saw, fully captured the declining mental state of three of these individuals in the face of dementia and began to sketch them, have found themselves as well. And so in their sketch, in face to sketch, several portraits, you can meet Mary, Joan and June face-to-face and see in their faces the process of ageing and its associated mental disabilities.

It is often said by those in the medi-

cal power profession, especially on the one hand, that it is the hostile, intruding and mostly victims of dementia and Alzheimer's patients that reveals their condition and its severity, and the negative of the game is taking not only of the personal of the condition but also of the individual's experience of it as their ability to communicate deteriorates and their needs become increasingly important.

One of the most valuable attributes of the visual arts is also contrast as its ability to transport us into an individual's situation and self. And so as it is that she also the other, whether producing a portrait, the depicts an individual with dementia is the story an incurable challenge when the individual's life is slowly being dismantled, words have faded and their subject's self is lost?

And yet, though just possible being at the bedside of the care home in the remote faces of the three larger-than-life faces that hang in the Old Fire Station Gallery this month, and with the gradual fading and unmaking of the charcoal lines at the periphery other images representing the increasingly lost of

clarity and withdrawal of loved ones. One has successfully highlighted the challenges of the self-loss of the individual dementia patient and the difficulties that today's society must confront, the recommend you take the time to visit and reflect, however old you are.

The exhibition *Residents* runs from 20 September – 4 November (Tues-

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"The Local Authority will look to use the assets of a person until they get down to a lower limit of £15,750, when the Local Authority will take over the fees."

"For instance, my own grandmother sadly passed away recently at the age of 93. My grandfather had left every penny earlier and left everything to her."

"When she needed care in the last six years of her life, because my grandfather had left everything to her, the house and all the assets were counted in the Local Authority's means test."

**"Our clients tell us, 'We've worked hard all our lives, why should the Local Authority get it all?'"**

"Just as she died, she had gone down to that lower limit of £15,750 and that's all her children inherited."

"There are many myths about the steps people can take to protect their assets from being gone like this."

"The main one is that a parent should simply sign their house over to the children now, and it won't be taken into account for means testing. That's just not true."

"Local Authorities will actually look to use if you've 'voluntarily deprived' yourself of an asset by giving property away, going back over any period of time."

"Worried people think that if the gift is made seven years prior to the house is sold. This is not so as the seven-year rule only applies to inheritance tax. This and our Local Authority case."

"The solution is for couples to simply not leave everything to each other in the first place."

"What my grandmother could have done is leave her half of the house to trust for her children, stating that they couldn't have it while she lived, my grandmother's will said otherwise. We call these Property Trust Wills."

"If any grandchild had left her half of the house in trust to the children, then when my grandmother subsequently received care in her last life she would only have been means tested on her own half of the house, but my grandmother's half would have been safe."

**"Why should he have to contribute his half when he didn't receive any care?"**

"The important factor is that couples need to act in advance. Once one party dies or loses mental capacity, though it might be for example, then they are no longer in a position to do the legal work and arrangements of type of planning."

"It is therefore important for couples to act now even if they may not foresee care fees being so high."

"Paul goes on to explain that most clients he sees are surprised to learn arrangements usually involve a Will and make the spouse next in line to inherit, ahead of their own children. Protecting your half of the house in this way, he explains, means that your children's inheritance isn't when the spouse dies."

"What my grandmother inherited after the death of my grandfather the whole estate could have passed straightaway to the family," says Paul.

## Limiting Power of Attorney

Paul explains how people often get confused thinking that, because they have made a Will, their executors can also deal with assets if there is illness, stroke or some other form of incapacity while they are still alive.

"Everyone should actually have two documents – a Will that deals with their estate on death, and a Limiting Power of Attorney that deals with their estate during their lifetime," he says.

"There are two types of Limiting Power of Attorney – one deals with finance, the other deals with health and welfare."

"In many ways it's similar to a passport, a document that's replaced once you tell one, which can be replaced by another. The executors should be the same."

"It allows the attorney, perhaps the children, to deal with the banks and pension companies etc should their parent become incapacitated, but also to deal with matters such as where the parent should be living and how they should receive care."

"Your attorney, again perhaps your children, must legally act in your best interests at all times."

"You can choose a number of attorneys to act, either jointly or independently, and April King advises on the various options available."

**"Couples are often surprised to discover that even joint bank accounts can be frozen until the bank sees sight of a Limiting Power of Attorney document."**

"Having a Limiting Power of Attorney someone else, besides the children should it health happen faster than the law."

"It helps a family deal with bank accounts and so on during a parent's lifetime and control on death."

"Crucially, you have to complete a Limiting Power of Attorney while you are still in good mental health."

"If someone becomes ill through age, a stroke or dementia, this option is lost and the family would have to apply for a Deputyship Order from the Court of Protection – a drawn out and expensive process."

"It is therefore a good idea for clients to plan ahead and create any future burden from the family."

"Once again, all adults should be thinking of this, particularly when there are children or a business involved."

"It's not just something to think about when you get older, that's the challenge for us."

**"People think, 'I'm not ill, why do I need to make a Power of Attorney?' But they're missing the point. This is a document that has to be done in advance."**



Paul King, Head of April King Legal

"The Limiting Power of Attorney must be placed with the office you wish to be issued a."

"Once it's organized, you don't have to worry if you don't develop some debilitating illness. A burden has been removed from the family of an already difficult time."

## Beneficial Trust Wills

The majority of April King's clients have already made standard 'Mirror Wills' with each other before approaching the firm. A Mirror Will is when a couple leave everything to each other on the first death, then to the children when the second partner dies. But modern family life means these type of Wills leave a lot to chance.

Explains Paul: "If I have a Mirror Will leaving everything to my wife and the children or just into mine after my death, then either the one husband or the Local Authority are likely to inherit most, if not all, of my estate should my children."

**"Even if my children are named in my Mirror Will, it is by no means certain that they will inherit anything."**

"Once again, this is because a marriage could occur: the Will my wife had previously made with me and make the new husband next-of-kin."

"The often comes as a big shock to my clients who had perhaps thought that all was in order and that the family bloodline would see my assets."

"The same is true for thinking that their children and/or grandchildren will see any benefit under a Mirror Will."

"If any of your children should be having everything to their husband or wife and that one on-line or daughter-in-law should then inherit, then your grandchildren would be the ones to lose out under the line of inheritance."

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# Gunning for better after third defeat puts U's in the firing line

By George Welch

## Bury 3

Chris Higgins 64 (6), Michael Smith 70  
Jameson Redford 70

## Oxford United 0

Attendance: 2051 (857 away)

**OXFORD** United boss Pop Clark, now under fire even inside after the U's let the semi-desert become a 3-4 last night on Tuesday.

United shook things up from Saturday's defeat to Walsley but would be in danger of losing their shape and going more down – but after competing for an hour they capitulated in eight second-half minutes.

Chris Higgins, Oxford's top scorer last year, was left against his former club from the penalty spot in 34 minutes before Michael Smith (34 minutes) and Jameson Redford (55) combined the 3-4 in a third consecutive defeat.

But Clark, clearly unhappy with his own club, believed it was the type of game in which whoever scored the first goal would close the deal.

He said: "It was a very even game, we competed very well, started the second half very strongly and we were closer to scoring the first goal than they were."

But obviously the penalty changed the game because it was one of those games that the first goal to score can be decisive – and that's happened."

Oxford slipped into places since last week's 2-0 to the League One side – but Clark has no regrets in not to give.



"We need 'B' in a process. There are many more things to do than we're doing."

"We made a lot of efforts to get a better together. This is a process that in the long run won't matter if we lose three games in a row – the important thing is that we are able to score from set and get back."

"I suffer especially for the fans who came up here (to Bury). We would just like them to keep believing and working with us."

"There will be history if we put it right."

United did create chances but failed to get the first goal that Oxford scored.

Bury keeper Lee Foster, making his first league start for the Shakers, denied Josh Hall. Gary van Knippen and Steve Mowatt on the first half and van Knippen and Hall fired wide after half time.

Refusing an improvement from a most performance against Walsley, Clark added: "The team showed that

OXFORD United players enjoyed a very different type of shooting practice last week as they visited an army training camp for a team handling trip – but they failed to impress against Walsley and Bury this week.

The United squad got away from it all at a three-day training camp at Colchester Services in Surrey.

The U's continued their usual training schedule with some basic handling exercises, including a chance to test their shooting skills on the shooting range.

Pop Clark, the Oxford boss, said: "With a number of new faces in the squad, we need away to give the players for a few days of team building."

"I had known plans and long before the Oxford game (a 3-1 defeat) but in the weeks training was very good."

"We were all about overall course and fitness. Instead it was more about getting the group together and away from the distractions of talking about cup and further developing the bond that will be shaping for the rest of the season."

**Battleline on the off ramps and Ryan Larkin joined in the last building exercises at Colchester Barracks, Pakenham, Suffolk.**

we can go forward and create the chances. We struggled to attack in the last game but today I think they were competing in the team and we did it right."

"But at the same time I'm not happy with the result."

Clark's latest loss in league after Peterborough United last Saturday.

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